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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
US FDA
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

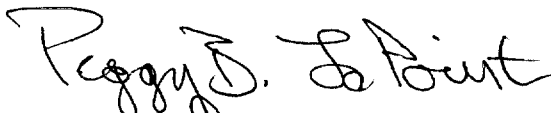
The abuse of antibiotics poses a grave threat to human health and I urge you to immediately curtail their use in animal feeds. The indiscriminate and non-essential use of antibiotics in agriculture dangerously increases the possibility they will be ineffective when needed to treat humans. As you know, resistant Salmonella is on the rise, and with 90% of Staph infections resistant to everything but vancomycin, we are already in deep trouble.

I was dismayed in 1995 when FDA approved the use of fluoroquinolones for poultry. It seemed incredible that the only remaining dependable antibiotic was being abused for the sake of fatter cows (and proved the power of the industry).

Not only do you need to limit new uses of antibiotics in agriculture, you must immediately revoke approval for existing uses of the six antibiotics in animal feed consistent with the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control.

I realize this will be a difficult political move, but I must remind you that you are responsible for the health and safety of all Americans. You are all that stands between the greed of the cattle, hog and poultry industries and the children of this nation.

Thank you,



Peggy B. La Point

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